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NOVEMBER 1984

Nov. 21  Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Brackett Church  7:30 pm

Nov. 22  Thanksgiving Day at Brackett Memorial Church Hall at  2:00 pm
          If you haven't made reservations, come anyway.

Nov. 22-23  Day Care Center closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Nov. 26-30  Day Care Parent Conferences

Nov. 29  Peaks Island Library will begin using new Library Cards.

Dec. 2  Christmas Coffee at St. Christopher's

Dec. 5  Wednesday  PTO Meeting

Dec. 8  Christmas Fair  Brackett Memorial Church in the
        Community Room  10 - 12

Dec. 11 & 13  Crafts Workshop  Peaks Island School  Tuesday & Thursday  1:30 - 2:30

Dec. 12  Senior Citizen Christmas Party at Community Center  NOON

Dec. 13  Open House at the Islands Health Center  5 - 7 pm

Dec. 14  School Holiday Music Program  Friday  7:00 pm

Dec. 16  Program of Christmas Music  Brackett Memorial Church  10 am service

Dec. 16  Jackson Gilman, Storyteller will present a Family Show
        at the Peaks Island School Gym  3:15 pm

Dec. 21  Lions - Legion Christmas Party  at the Peaks Island
        School Gym  Thursday  2:00 pm

Dec. 22 -  Jan 2  School Vacation

Dec 25 and  Jan 1  Peaks Island Library closed
ISLANDS HEALTH CENTER

As the holiday season approaches, we would like to invite all the island residents to join us in celebration of the season for a Christmas Open House at The Islands Health Center on Thursday, December 13, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This will be a good opportunity for those who have never been inside our excellent facility to see what is available here by way of health care as well as to share a glass of punch or cup of coffee with all of our staff. Please make a note of the date so you won't forget.

In an attempt to make it as convenient as possible for those of our patients who commute to town to be able to come in for health care, we are planning on being open on the second and fourth Saturday mornings, beginning in December, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Beginning in January, we plan to be open on Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m. We remind all that our phone number is 766-2929 for making appointments and also that this number is covered 24 hours a day, including weekends for any emergencies.

We also would like to remind everyone that Dr. Bruce Kenney, Director of The Islands Health Center, has a practice in Portland, and in case it should be impossible to see him on Peaks Island, appointments can be made to see him at his office in Portland by calling 774-5800.

Our best wishes to all for a lovely Thanksgiving, and we'll look forward to seeing you on the thirteenth of December at our Open House.

PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

The children from the Day Care Center had a special treat this past month when we went into Portland for a Kinderconcert. Featured at the concert was the percussion section of the Portland Symphony Orchestra. The children learned about the brass instruments as they were demonstrated to them in fun and interesting ways. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Art activities have been especially popular with the children this month. Many children have particularly enjoyed working with magic markers, making lots of colorful drawings. We have also had the use of a computer on loan from the Peaks Island Library for one week. The school age children have spent many hours experimenting with this temporary addition.

As we move into the holiday season, the excitement level at the Center rises high. This time of year is so full of hustle and bustle that we at the Center try to compensate by providing some quiet, restful times for the children as well. One wonderful way to do this is through reading a book to a child. We would like to invite community members to share in the joy of the season by visiting the Center and reading a story to a child. This promises to be a rewarding time for both children and adult. If you might be interested in doing this please contact Jon Kelso at 766-2854 to set up a convenient time.

THE RENEW PROGRAM

The Renew Program came to the end of its 6 week program, the theme of which was "The Lord's Call." It was capped off with a Pot Luck Supper. Small groups met weekly from St. Christopher's Church, Brackett Memorial Church and the Friends Group. The second session will be held during Lent. The theme will be "Response to the Lord's Call."

THIS ISSUE OF THE STAR was typed on our new Smith-Corona Typewriter, gift of one of our good ANON friends. Thanks so much!!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO STAR PRINTING: Anon I & II, Sister of Notre Dame, David Haeger, Marcia and David Quinby. Thank you.
The students and staff of the Peaks Island School ask you to keep the following dates and activities in mind:

Wednesday, December 5th - P.T.O. meeting

Tuesday and Thursday, December 11 and 13 1:30 - 2:30 Craft Workshop. Students and staff will participate in this workshop, making decorations, ornaments and holiday items.

If any of you would be interested in joining this workshop, instructing or helping, you are welcome. Please give the school a call (766-2528) and Judy will fill you in on the details.

Friday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a holiday music program at the school gym. All are invited to an evening of holiday songs from around the world.

On Thursday, December 21 at 2:00 p.m. the Lions-Legion Christmas party will be held at the school gym. All Island children are invited:

School vacation December 22 to January 2.

BRACKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH EVENTS

Rev. Phyllis C. Dodd

Invitation to everyone:

Join in an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 at Brackett Memorial Church. Participating in the service will be Rev. Carl Hall, Rev. Gretchen Hall, Mr. Jon Kelso, Father Joseph Lange, Rev. Samuel McCain, Rev. Ted Warren and Rev. Phyllis C. Dodd, hostess

A program of Christmas Music will be presented by the choirs of the Brackett Memorial Church during the morning Worship, December 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend this special Worship Service.

Christmas Fair will be held at the Community Room on December 8 from 10 - 12 Bake Sale, Crafts, etc -- a chance to do your Christmas shopping. Children welcome. It is sponsored by the Evening Circle of the Brackett Memorial Church.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH EVENTS

Christmas Coffee December 2

at 2:00 p.m. Gifts for Purchase
at 3:00 p.m. Doreen McCann and Barbara Goelman Dancers. will provide the Entertainment.

Refreshments - 2.00 - Adults
1:00 - Children

Open House at St. Joseph's-by-the-Sea Convent on Pleasant Avenue Sunday afternoon, December 23 from 2 - 4 p.m. All the Island is invited!
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Meeting for Worship on the Island 10:45 am every Sunday at Betty Van Wyck's. Next to the Senior Citizens Center. You are welcome to join us.

The Religious Society of Friends is a world-wide Christian Fellowship. The reality of God as a living presence in the world and in people lies at the center of Quaker faith.

Our meetings are unprogrammed. We have no designated leader or worship as we feel no need for a mediator between ourselves and God.

The Meeting for Worship begins at the appointed time in silence. It is our expectation that through quiet, prayer, searching and meditation God is present to each worshipper and to the gathering as a whole. Feelings of inspiration may move one to offer a prayer or share a message. Meeting closes with a handshake.

The Peaks Island Worship Group is under the care of the Portland Friends Meeting. For more information call Jon Kelso 766-2619 or Betty Van Wyck 766-2959.

AMERICAN LEGION POST # 142

The Commander & memberships wish to express their gratitude and appreciation to the fine public participation in the recent annual Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot.

Signed
Commander Peter Gomez

FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT CENTER

In an unusual gesture toward advance planning the Fifth Maine Regiment has issued a bulletin directed towards year round residents of the island. If you haven't received one with your Sunday paper, they may be found at Feeney's Market and the Library. The flier contains a questionnaire aimed at stimulating ideas for programs utilizing the building's facilities for the summer of Eighty-five. The association invites you to give special thought to this subject and to the future of this valuable National Historic Landmark - the only one so designated in the Casco Bay area.

To discuss ideas the flier lists some members of the board and their telephone numbers.

PEAKS ISLAND CHILD CARE CO-OP

The child care co-op is healthy and active here on Peaks Island, with nine parents (fathers too) and eleven children participating. The co-op is run and organized by the parents involved, and no money is passed as we work on a time-shared basis.

At present time we are working on a two-week rotating schedule; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 12 noon. Each parent member commits one 4 hour session over the two weeks and has the option to have their children cared for the other three sessions.

We hope to add an afternoon time slot, possibly time on Saturdays and evenings, too. We welcome new members at any time, and children of all ages. If interested, please contact Marcia Hart-Quimby at 766-2244.

THE HARBORVUE SHOP WILL close December 24 until Spring - Special paint sale 25% off.
The following comments were derived from a conversation with Irene Fitzgerald by Marianna Rowe. Irene was the only Islander who expressed her views at the budget meeting last Friday morning when the tariff rates change and increases were voted on. Other statements of protest were raised at the previous public meeting.

Irene stated that she felt there should be no increase in freight rates but rather there should be higher fares for passenger cars—up to 50% per passenger vehicle—that perhaps they should have commuter books of tickets for regular commuters and business vehicles valid for one month that would contain approximately 20 tickets. The concept of commuter tickets is used all over the country for roads, bridges, tunnels, ferries, etc.

The tariff, now voted, ranges from 3% increase on basic commodities to 215% increase for appliances—an overall average increase in freight rates of 10%. It will become effective Dec. 15, 1984.

We applaud Pat Christian and the Board of the Transit District for developing a sound financial policy, which resulted in a net profit of approximately $24,000 for the fiscal year, ended 9/30/94. This net profit will be applied to the new passenger ferry, the Coast Guard mandated sanitary hook-up, and equipment for new ferry terminal.

ZONING HEARINGS REVIEWED

The zoning hearings at City Hall concentrated on the IR3 Developmental Zones. Initial comments from COG and the Planning Dept. were that the IR3 zone would be a "floating" zone and that anyone who wanted to develop an IR3 zone would have to go through the Planning Board. However the bombshell dropped at the last Planning Board hearing was, that as a result of a straw vote, they would fix the area considered for IR3, which seems to imply real concentrated development. Great Diamond Island has retained lawyers to fight, and Philip Conklin of the Shelter Institute has expressed an interest.

We, here on Peaks, should keep informed of upcoming developments and plan to attend meetings, Planning Board Meeting—Nov. 27, Rm 209 City Hall at 3:30 pm. Final Public Hearing is expected to be scheduled for December 11.

It is more important than ever to insure the lifestyle that we love, not be destroyed.

Contact Doug MacVane or Irene Fitzgerald for further information.

NEWS FROM THE PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY

A reminder that everyone must register for a new library card which will go into effect Nov. 29. We will still register after that date. If you do not have a card at the Branch or Main Library you need something with your current Peaks Address, such as mail, bill, and a reference.

With Christmas approaching the Library would appreciate magazine subscriptions as a gift. We have a list of some we would like to have at the Library, come in and look.

We have the Winter/Spring Elderhostel catalog in for the 65 and up age group. Some wonderful classes/trips being offered.

Remember to use your copier. 5¢ a copy during Library hours.
NEWS FROM PUBLIC SAFETY

The Police Department would like to reintroduce the Call Department of Peaks Island to the people. Some people on the Island are new and may not know about us.

The Fire Department of the Island is made up of two parts, the first is the police officers that are stationed on the Island, they maintain the Public safety building and the fire trucks inside it. They also respond to fires with the Call Department as well as any medical emergency.

The second part of the Fire Department is the Call Department. These are Island citizens who work hand in hand with the police at a fire. A Call Department member may be called upon to help in a medical emergency if additional manpower is needed. Or a Call Department member may be used to help with a boat in distress off the Island. These men are people you see all the time at the store or at the restaurant.

The Call Department has a captain and a lieutenant who command their men at these emergencies. There are 12 Callmen and 2 substitutes on the Call Department. In future articles we will be writing more about the Call Department and what they do. We look for you support.

Thank you
Mike Barter